

White Mountain Zone



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Beaverhead Fire

Date: June 15, 2006 10:00 pm

LOCATION: The Beaverhead Fire is 13 miles south of Alpine, AZ

STARTED: June 15, 2006, at 1330 hrs. **CAUSE:** under investigation

SIZE: About 1,300 Acres **CONTAINMENT:** 0%

FUELS: Burning in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, and mountain meadows

OBJECTIVES: Firefighter and public safety, protection of private property and protection of the power lines are primary objectives.

CONCERNS: There is a threat to private land and structures (about 8 residences, 14 outbuildings), a power line, and State Highway 191 which is closed.

RESOURCES: There are about 80 personnel assigned to this fire tonight with about 70 more people enroute. A Type 3 Incident Management Team will arrive later tonight. Presently on the incident are 9 fire engines and crews including structure engines from Springerville, Taylor, Alpine, and St. Johns; 1 dozer, and a Type 2 hand crew; enroute are: two Type 1 crews (Hot Shots), two Type 2 crews, and two dozers. Aerial resources are on order for tomorrow. High winds today prevented the use of heavy air tankers although a Type 1 helitanker was used.

SUMMARY: The fire was driven by high winds today and was spotting ahead about ¼ mile. It started on the west side of Highway 191 but crossed the highway later. A few people were advised to evacuate from the Josh Ranch; one person has elected to stay. Some of the estimated acreage burned can be attributed to burn out operations being done presently to the west of the Josh Ranch across several meadows. The fire is burning in an area that was burned two years ago in the Thomas Fire. There is a Temporary Flight Restriction in place over this fire. State Highway 191 is closed south of Alpine to Forest Road 25. Forest Road 26 and 567 are closed. Hannagan Meadow Lodge is not threatened. Tonight's plans will be to construct dozer and handlines and then burn out the fireline.